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ABSTRACT

A conveyance apparatus using movable bodies, in which a plurality of lateral travel rail members capable of supporting and guiding guided devices situated on a main rail are provided to the side of a prescribed region of the fixed path, in such a manner that a frame member provided with a supporting section assumes an orthogonal attitude or position with respect to a direction of travel, ~~whilst~~ and the other frame members become aligned in the direction of travel, and ~~branching means for~~ causing the guided devices to branch off onto the lateral travel rail member group ~~is provided~~ in the prescribed region. Thereby, spacing between the movable bodies in the lateral travel direction can be maintained readily by ~~means of~~ using a simple structure, and the group of movable bodies can be moved laterally in such a manner that there is no mutual contact between conveyed items.